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at a predetermined time an effective amount for inhibiting dopamine beta hydroxylase activity in said animal or human of a compound having the property of inhibiting dopamine beta hydroxylase.

- 2. The method of claim 1 which comprises administering 5 said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor compound to reduce body fat stores.
- 3. The method of claim 1 which comprises administering said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor compound to increase plasma HDL.
- 4. The method of claim 1 which comprises administering said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor compound to reduce hyperlipidemia.
- 5. The method of claim 1 which comprises administering said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor compound to 15 human. reduce elevated blood lipoproteins.
- 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said predetermined time is the beginning of the daily activity period of the subject.
- 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said compound having 20 the property of inhibiting dopamine beta hydroxylase is a member selected from the group consisting of fusaric acid, disulfiram. diethyidithiocarbamate, beta-chlorophenethylamine, 4-hydroxybenzyl cyanide, 2-halo-3-(p-hydroxyphenyl)-1-propene, 1-phenyl-1-propyne, 25 2-phenylallylamine, 2-(2-thienyl)allylamine, 2-thiophene-2-(2-thienyl)allylamine, 3-phenylpropargylamine, 1-phenyl-1 (aminoethyl)ethene, N-(trifluoroacetyl)phenyl(aminoethyl) ethene, 5-picolinic acid substituted with an alkyl group containing up to 6 carbon atoms, 5-picolinic acid substituted

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with a halo alkyl group containing up to 6 carbon atoms, prodrugs thereof, metabolites thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

- 8. The method of claim 7 wherein said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor compound is 5-(4'-chlorobutyl) picolinic acid.
- 9. The method of claim 7 wherein said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor compound is fusaric acid.
- 10. The method of claim 7 wherein said dopamine beta 10 hydroxylase inhibitor compound is 3-phenylpropargylamine.
 - 11. The method of claim 7 wherein said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor compound is disulfiram.
 - 12. The method of claim 7 wherein said subject is a human.
 - 13. The method of claim 12 wherein said predetermined time is within the interval from about 07:00 h to about 13:00 h.
 - 14. The method of claim 12 which comprises administering said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor in an amount between about 1 to about 150 mg per kg of body weight per day.
 - 15. The method of claim 12 which comprises administering multiple doses of said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor within said time interval.
 - 16. The method of claim 7 wherein said subject is a human and said dopamine beta hydroxylase inhibitor is administered for between 10 and 180 days.

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